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FOIA Case: 106991  
29 May 2019

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Dear Emma Best:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of 15 May 2019, which was received by this office on 15 May 2019, for "NSO Group Technologies AKA NSO Group, including communications (i.e. emails, memos, letters, etc.) to or from the organization, contracts, bids and invoices to or from the organization." Your request has been assigned Case Number 106991. There are no assessable fees for this request; therefore, we did not address your fee category or your request for a fee waiver.

Your request has been reviewed by this Agency as required by the FOIA, and is being fully denied in accordance with Executive Order 13526, as set forth in Subparagraphs (e) and (g) of Section 1.4. This request is denied because disclosure could reasonably be expected to cause damage (at minimum) to the national security, per Executive Order 13526, Section 1.2. Any responsive material that may exist would be deemed currently and properly protected; therefore, exempt from disclosure pursuant to the first exemption of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. Section 552(b)(1)).

In addition, this Agency is authorized by various statutes to protect certain information concerning its activities. Accordingly, your request is also denied pursuant to the third exemption of the FOIA, which provides for the withholding of information specifically protected from disclosure by statute. The specific statute applicable in this case is Section 6, Public Law 86-36 (50 U.S. Code 3605). No portion of any responsive material is reasonably segregable.

Please be advised that due to security concerns, this is our standard response to all requests where we reasonably believe acquisition records are being sought on a contract or contract related activity.

You may appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you should do so in the manner outlined below. NSA will endeavor to respond within 20 working days of receiving any appeal, absent any unusual circumstances.

- The appeal must be sent via U.S. postal mail, fax or electronic delivery (e-mail) and addressed to:

NSA FOIA/PA Appeal Authority (P132)  
National Security Agency  
9800 Savage Road STE 6932  
Fort George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932

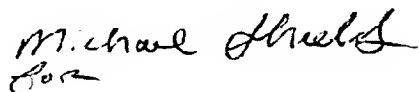
The facsimile number is (443)479-3612  
The appropriate email address to submit an appeal is  
[FOIARSC@nsa.gov](mailto:FOIARSC@nsa.gov)

- It must be postmarked or delivered electronically no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Decisions appealed after 90 days will not be addressed.
- Please include the case number provided above.
- Please describe with sufficient detail why you believe the denial of requested information was unwarranted.

You may also contact our FOIA Public Liaison at [foialo@nsa.gov](mailto:foialo@nsa.gov) for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Rd- OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740  
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Shields".

JOHN R. CHAPMAN  
Chief, FOIA/PA Office  
NSA Initial Denial Authority